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SUBJECT: BEGIN CRITICIZES RABIN INVITATION AS LIKUD
CONSIDERS ITS PLATFORM

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1. AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE LIKUD COUNCIL ON MARCH 1
OPPOSITION LEADER MENAHEM BEGIN RAPPELLED THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION FOR INVITING PRIME MINISTER RABIN TO WASHINGTON
BEFORE THE MAY 17 KNESSET ELECTION. BEGIN NOTED THAT
ARAB HEADS OF STATE WILL NOT BE VISITING WASHINGTON
BEFORE JUNE AND DECLARED IT NOT LIKELY THAT BASIC
DECISIONS WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE PRESIDENT CARTER
MEETS THE ARAB LEADERS. HE SAID: "IT IS POSSIBLE TO
BEGIN THE ROUND OF TALKS IN THE FIRST HALF OF JUNE.
THAT THE PRIME MINISTER IS VISITING WASHINGTON ABOUT
THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE ARABS IS NOT PURE CHANCE. EVERYBODY
KNOWS...THAT BETWEEN MARCH AND JUNE THERE IS MAY 17."

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2. THE COUNCIL IS A 400-MEMBER BODY REPRESENTING THE
LIKUD'S CONSTITUENT PARTIES. IT WAS RECENTLY CREATED
TO APPROVE A PLATFORM AND SELECT THE LIKUD'S CANDIDATE
FOR PRIME MINISTER. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE CHOICE
WILL BE BEGIN. YESTERDAY'S MEETING WAS DEVOTED TO THE
PLANK ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY.

3. ACCORDING TO THE JERUSALEM POST, THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION AND CRITICISM ON SEMANTIC POINTS. IN PLACE OF THE 1973 PLATFORM LANGUAGE STATING "ERETZ YISRAEL WILL NOT BE DIVIDED," THE NEW SECTION SAYS "JUDEA AND SAMARIA WILL NOT BE YIELDED TO FOREIGN RULE. BETWEEN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE RIVER JORDAN THERE WILL BE ISRAEL SOVEREIGNTY ONLY." IT GOES ON TO SAY THAT ARABS LIVING IN "ERETZ YISRAEL" WILL BE GIVEN ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP IF THEY SO REQUEST AND DECLARE ALLEGIANCE TO ISRAEL. RE ISRAEL'S OTHER FRONTIERS THE PLANK STATES "IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT AND SYRIA...THE LIKUD GOVERNMENT WILL STRIVE FOR...A PEACE AGREEMENT...TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PARTIES' NEEDS AND INTERESTS." A PROPOSAL BY THE LIKUD'S LIBERAL PARTY THAT THE PLATFORM STATE A READINESS FOR "A COMPROMISE WITH EGYPT AND SYRIA," WAS REJECTED. WHEREAS THE LIBERALS ARGUED THAT THE WORD "COMPROMISE" WOULD ATTRACT VOTERS, A MAJORITY IN THE COUNCIL DECIDED IT WOULD REPEL VOTES.

4. ANOTHER SECTION SAYS THAT A LIKUD GOVERNMENT WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND "WILL NOT SPARE ANY EFFORT TO ADVANCE PEACE." (TEXT OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS PLANK WILL BE SENT TO THE DEPT WHEN AVAILABLE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE COMMENT: BEGIN HAD EARLIER COMPLAINED PRIVATELY TO THE CHARGE ABOUT A STORY IN THE FEBRUARY 16 JERUSALEM POST ALLEGING THAT US POLICY-MAKERS HAVE NOT CONCEALED THEIR DISPLEASURE OVER THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROSPECT THAT BEGIN COULD HEAD THE NEXT GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE MAY 17 ELECTION. HE CALLED SUCH A STATE-MENT US INTERFERENCE IN ISRAEL'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN. (IN THE PAST BEGIN HAS CHIDED RABIN FOR WHAT HE CLAIMED WAS RABIN'S ILL-CONCEALED SUPPORT OF GERAL FORD IN THE RECENT PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.)

6. AN ARTICLE IN TODAY'S DAVAR (BARNEA) SPECULATES THAT ONE REASON THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS "PLAYING-DOWN" THE RABIN VISIT IS TO AVOID BEING ACCUSED OF TAKING SIDES IN ISRAEL'S ELECTION. DUNNIGAN

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